

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-28. (previously cancelled)

Claim 29. (previously presented) A cell unit comprising at least two flat electrochemical cells joined by flexible connections to at least one edge of a circuit board, the cells being moveable from a first position laterally of the circuit board to a second position arranged against one or both sides of the circuit board, whereby the circuitry on the circuit board is protected.

Claim 30. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 29, wherein the cells and the circuit board have the same lengths and widths.

Claim 31. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 29, wherein circuitry is provided on only one side of the circuit board and the cells are arranged against that one side or on both sides.

Claim 32. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 29, wherein circuitry is provided on both sides of the circuit board and the cells are arranged against both sides of the board.

Claim 33. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 29, wherein the cells and the circuit board are square or rectangular.

Claim 34. (currently amended) A cell unit according to claim 29, wherein cells are provided on two or more edges of the circuit board ~~and optionally two cells are connected at the same edges of the board.~~

Claim 35. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 29, wherein the circuit board includes voltage equalising components, and/or temperature sensing components and/or charge control circuitry.

Claim 36. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 29, wherein each cell is sealed with sealing material, the material protruding at the end of the cell which is connected to the circuit board such that sealing material is arranged both on top of and below the circuit board to protect the electrical connections between the cell and the circuit board.

Claim 37. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 36, wherein the protruding sealing material is fixed to the circuit board.

Claim 38. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 37, wherein the sealing material is fixed through one or more apertures in the circuit board.

Claim 39. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 36, wherein the cells are sealed within a sealing material and any sealing material protruding at an edge of the cell, other than that edge which is to be connected to the circuit board, is folded over onto the surface of the

sealed cell, such folded sealed edges then forming a spacer when the cell is folded onto the circuit board.

Claim 40. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 29, wherein the circuit board is a flexible circuit board.

Claim 41. (previously presented) A cell unit according to claim 40, wherein the circuit board can itself fold, and in particular the flexible circuit board has a rectangular shape and can be folded in half.

Claims 42-47. (cancelled)

Claim 48. (previously presented) A method of producing a cell unit comprising at least two flat electrochemical cells and a circuit board, wherein the cells are arranged laterally of the circuit board and are electrically connected thereto, the method comprising the step folding the cells onto one or both sides of the circuit board whereby the circuitry on the circuit board is protected.

Claim 49. (previously presented) A method according to claim 48, wherein the cells and the circuit board are square or rectangular.

Claim 50. (currently amended) A method according to claim 49, wherein cells are provided on two or more edges of the circuit board ~~and optionally two cells are connected at the same edge of the board~~.

Claim 51. (previously presented) A method according to claim 48, wherein each cell is sealed within sealing material, and the material at the end of the cell which is connected to the circuit board protrudes such that sealing material is arranged both on top of and below the circuit board to protect the electrical connections between the cell and the circuit board.

Claim 52. (previously presented) A method according to claim 51, wherein the protruding sealing material is fixed to the circuit board.

Claim 53. (previously presented) A method according to claim 52, wherein the sealing material is fixed through one or more apertures in the circuit board.

Claim 54. (previously presented) A method according to claim 48, wherein the cells are sealed within a sealing material and any sealing material protruding at an edge of the cell, other than that edge which is to be connected to the circuit board, is folded over onto the surface of the sealed cell, such folded sealed edges then forming a spacer when the cell is folded onto the circuit board.

Claim 55. (previously presented) A method according to claim 48, wherein the circuit board is a flexible circuit board.

Claim 56. (previously presented) A method according to claim 55, wherein the flexible circuit board has a rectangular shape and is folded in half.

Claim 57. (new) A method according to claim 50, wherein two cells are connected at the same edge of the board.

Claim 58. (new) A cell unit according to claim 34, wherein two cells are connected at the same edge of the board.